

**ST. LOUIS REGIONAL CENTER  
STAKEHOLDERS' MTG.**

**DATE:** 1/30/03

**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.

**LOCATION:** 3101 CHOUTEAU AVE.

**MINUTES**

**Introductions were made.**

**Anne Deaton via conference call:**

Providers & DMH were thanked for coming together to meet.  
Anne feels SLRC & providers have developed a level of trust & are focusing on consumers.

**Goals/Outcome from meeting:**

- ❖ Identifiable key areas where progress is needed & ways to measure those areas.
- ❖ Organized discussion with concrete outcomes & results.

The East District, final, draft Transition Policy will be presented to Anne for review.

Anne acknowledged the need to make appropriate referrals & have mechanisms in place to assist providers in moving transitions.

Collaboration with the SB40 Boards to maximize resources is critical to progress.

**Agenda:**

**Impact of FY03 Budget Cuts – Jeff Grosvenor:**

Regional Centers are consolidating

- ❖ Kirksville & Hannibal
- ❖ Popular Bluff & Joplin
- ❖ Albany & Kansas City

Elimination of Regional Center Director positions & I.T. staff.

Retroactive billing generated cash (13 million) for withhold.

Could still have additional withhold in FY03 – Tobacco issue is critical.

**DMH Goal:** No reduction in services to consumers.

**Provider recommendation:** Strategy on equitable/fairness among consumers if services are cut.

**Provider comments:**

Non-Medicaid clients are at risk if services are cut.

Many clients, who needs may be greater than those currently being served, are put on hold.

**Concern:** The new waiver money will be used for withhold & money will no longer be accessible.

Equitable divide in allocations among districts is needed.

**FY04 Budget Cuts – Jeff Grosvenor:**

**Distributed:** DMH FY2004 Budget

Regional Center consolidation will continue.

Skilled nursing unit at Marshall Habilitation Center will close (sixteen consumers need placed).

The Governor has recommended caseload growth – 5 million for MRDD (more service money to meet demands of Medicaid population).

The Governor is asking for 1 million to help DFS leverage their money.

Cost of Living raise for state workers.

The budget proposal will be submitted to the subcommittee (consist of Health & Senior Services, Mental Health, & Social Services) on Monday 2/3/03.

**Recommendations to impact session:**

To be heard, physically introduce MR/DD consumers to constituents.

Submit letters along with pictures of MR/DD consumers.

Submit positive/success stories.

Jeff indicated it is critical to have waiver & to manage it.

Jeff indicated Anne Deaton supports Senate Bill 266 - a 5 year plan funding strategy to work through waitlist. Anne would like a small group of stakeholders to review this plan.

DMH funding can moved from the habilitation centers into the community if consumers can be better served (**note:** # of beds will decrease if funding moves).

DMH pays 40% of match when a consumer comes out of BHC or SLDDTC.

Funding that follows a consumer out of a Hab Ctr. is based on what supports are provided in the community. **Average Hab Ctr. budget rate is:** \$200/day.

Remaining 60% of funding is redistributed back to other Hab Ctr. needs.

**Recommendation:** Providers work with DMH to look to create savings within the Hab Ctrs. that would allow the re-distribution of the remaining 60% funding elsewhere when a consumer leaves a Hab Ctr.

**Provider comments:**

Providers are willing to serve people coming out of Hab Ctrs., but can't serve on a \$160.00 budget.

SSI benefits are the same across districts, but cost of living is higher in St. Louis.

Providers would like to take charitable contributions received & make available group homes, but instead have to supplement inadequate rates for clients. DMH needs to come up with a system on how to adjust rates.

**BHC update:** 16 people have moved out of BHC

BHC is funded & staffed for 374

**Current census:** 364

**NOTE:** DMH is not recruiting for consumers to go into the Hab Ctrs.

**Communication between Regional Center, Habilitation Centers & Providers–****Richard Strecker:**

Richard indicated Jerry Clubbs and himself are committed to having open communication & will meet on a regular basis.

Two new placement hires – 1 for SLDDTC & 1 for BHC will be liaisons & will work with families & providers on consumers who want to be placed out of BHC & SLDDTC.

Richard indicated he wants to meet providers on an individual basis & to tour provider agencies.

**DMH Goals:**

1. Meet consumer's needs.
2. Provide options for people coming out of Hab Ctrs.
3. Address consumers on Olmstead & Priority 1 waitlists.

Providers were committed to meet again if joint decisions can be made & implemented.

**Representatives to add to this committee:**

Parents – Talk to RAC for referrals – Joan Noll

Look for consumer candidates – Suzanne Wells & Cindy Mueller

Children Service Provider

Debbie Gillespie

Barb Griffith

Steve Burnell

Hab Ctr. Staff

Presidents of Coalition

E-Mail Richard Strecker of any providers or DMH staff attendance requests.  
(All providers are welcome if they wish to serve on committee).

**Next Meeting:** Friday 2/7/03 at 10:00 a.m. at 3101 Chouteau Ave. – large conf. room.

**Goal/Plan for next meeting:**

Identify issues & outcome.

Bring indicators to measure progress

Minutes respectfully submitted by Teresa Demis.